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AN EVERLASTING LOVE

A nursing and rehabilitation center will host a vow renewal ceremony for their residents and their spouses on Friday.

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Freshman softball pitcher, Jessica Wireman, receives Top Cat honor.

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Student government swears in new vice president

By Luis Martinez

Administration Editor | @DEN_News

Student Government initiated a new executive vice president after last week's result mishap during Wednesday's meeting.

Catie Witt, a junior communication studies major, was officially sworn in as the new executive vice president, even after the results of last week's unofficial announcement.

Previously, the unofficial results were called into question as reports of students voting multiple times came into light.

Reginald Thedford, the student body president, said the election commission was formed last Friday and met with Informational Technology Services this past Monday in order to deliberate the election issue.

The result of Monday's meeting was the unofficial results would not be overturned, meaning Witt had won the election.

"I'm really excited because I want to get this ball rolling on Student Action Team," Witt said. "I'm excited to start tonight and maybe get the ball rolling on things so we can get to Springfield and get Eastern's name out there."

The team consists of a group of students meet together once a week to discuss how to lobby and travel to Springfield. They are able to meet with representatives from their hometown to talk about what issues are affecting them.

"For Student Action Team, I want to get some new ideas because the past two semesters, we have done the same topics," Witt said. "I'm hoping that the people who join Student Action Team, not just senators but other students, will have some ideas and they can bring some ideas to the table."

Earlier in the meeting, Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, spoke with the senate, with the purpose of giving a presentation about the current athletic budget.

Nadler gave a similar presentation at the last faculty senate meeting, and said he wanted to "clear some things" for student government.

Information he presented at the meeting included of the total number of student athletics, 14 percent of those students had a 4.0 GPA last fall, and 60 percent of those students had 3.0 GPA last fall.

Nadler also presented the overall GPA of both the men's and women's teams, which were 2.97 and 3.13 respectively. Overall, the average GPA from last semester was 3.13.

After the new executive vice president was sworn in, Courtney Sage, the Senate Speaker, spoke about three upcoming events where students would be able to interact with the student senators.

First, "Lunch with the Senators" will take place Feb. 18 and Feb. 25 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sage said this would be an opportunity for the senators to interact with the students.

The other event is "Bowling with the Senators." The event is planned for March 5 and will be from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sage encouraged the student senators to bring two people they know to the event.

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Jennifer Holecek, a bartender at IKE's bar, prepares a drink on Thursday at IKE's located on Lincoln Ave. Holecek said she expects for business to possibly pick-up since the city passed the new bar ordinance.

Bars cited for serving alcohol to minors

By Cassie Buchman

City Editor | @DEN_News

Marty's, Panther Paw and Dirty's Bar and Grill failed compliance checks by serving alcohol to underage patrons sent by the Charleston Police Department on Saturday.

Establishments that passed the checks were Friends and Co., Lefty's Holler, Roc's Black Front Restaurant and Lounge,

the Uptowner-Cellar, Charleston Lanes, Ike's, El Rancherito, Jerry's, Los Potrillos, Monicals, Pagliai's, the Penalty Box, and WB's Pub and Grub.

Each bartender and establishment who provided the alcohol was cited under a city ordinance.

Mayor Larry Rennels said although it is against both state law and city ordinance to serve alcoholic beverages to minors, the establishments will only be cited for

an ordinance violation.

Rennels said there is no set schedule for when the police do compliance checks.

"Personally, we do them when we feel we need to do one," he said. "That way, they are aware a check could happen any day or any time."

The last compliance check was last fall, and the businesses cited were different from the recent check.

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Couple reflects on 65 years of marriage

By Cassie Buchman

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After being married for 65 years, Vern Wagner still remembers the high school prom he took his wife, Barbara, to.

"We met in high school, and I asked her to go to the junior-senior prom with me," he said. "She said yes."

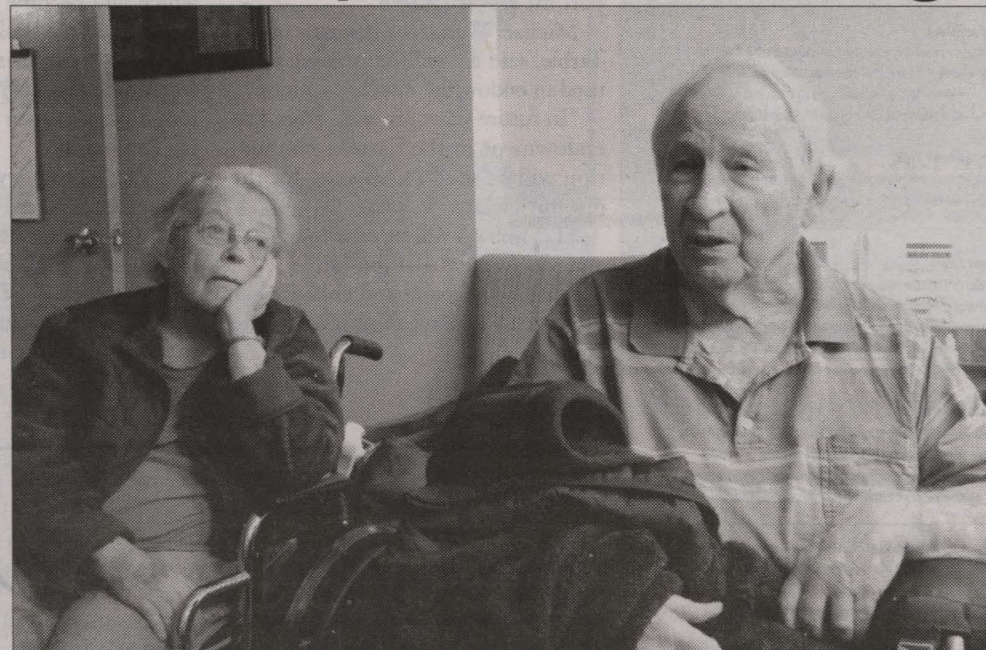
Vern and Barbara are a couple who live at the Hilltop Nursing and Rehabilitation Center that are planning on renewing their wedding vows on Friday.

"I think our daughter's more excited about it than we are," Vern said.

Vern and Barbara moved into the Hilltop Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after Vern had a stroke about five months ago.

At the prom, Vern remembers having to dance with the prom queen for one dance, and it was not Barbara.

"But for the rest of the dance, she danced with me," Wagner said.



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Vern and Barbara Wagner are two of the couples participating in the vow renewal ceremony on Friday at the Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

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The poet J Mase III gives Eastern Illinois University a taste of poetry inspired by his life's struggles and successes Wednesday at the 7th Street Underground.

Transgender poet lyrically speaks on homophobia

By Roberto Hodge
Multicultural Editor | @BertoHodge

Standing in the spotlight of a small stage, the multi-toned faux-hawk poet, J Mase III, spoke with a myriad of emotions, ranging from anger, sadness and humor, for his "Cupid Ain't @\$\$%!: Anti-Valentine's Day" poetry performance Wednesday night, hosted by University Board and Pride.

"Ally Fail," an informative poem, discussed the dichotomy of an LGBT ally, who remains ignorant to his or her privileges.

"You are the kind of ally that doesn't know what Cis-gender means, but loves staring at my chest before you address me," Mase said. "You are the kind of ally who makes me wonder who my enemies are, trips over words like transphobia, white supremacy."

Mase is an African-American transgender man, as well as a poet and blogger for the Huffington Post. He is an educator and the founder of

"awQward," which is the first transgender and queer-people-of-color talent agency.

"Ally Fail" talked about allies who are supportive for different people, but may not necessarily know the right things to say and how to be fully supportive of others whom are different and not just those who are LGBT.

Mase said the average life expectancy for a transgender person in the United States is 37, because of an increased risk of being kicked out of homes and rejected from schools and job markets.

When it comes to "allyship," Mase said he believes more in solidarity because it is not enough for a person to care for those who are different in terms of race, gender or sexual orientation.

"You are the ally who has enough time to Google celebrity sex tapes, but not rules on 'allyship,'" Mase said.

"Allyship" should make someone feel welcomed, safe and not threatened for survival, Mase said.

"You are the ally who thinks being accepted is the same thing as being understood," Mase said.

Many of Mase's poems had layers of themes, issues and topics relating to homophobia, acceptance and religion.

"Black, white, gay, straight—we are all the same," Mase said

One of the poems he performed was titled "Neighbor," which was dedicated to his ex-girlfriend's neighbor.

Mase said the poem was the closest thing he has to a love poem as an adult.

Much of the poem was comical, filled with anger-charged lines telling the neighbor her misplaced anger for Mase and her girlfriend was a result of sexual frustrations and homophobic tension.

"Black, white, gay, straight—we are all the same," Mase said

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Tarble family donates \$3 million

By Stephanie White
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The Tarble family has been donating to the Tarble Arts Center since they founded it in the early 1900s, and this year they are donating \$3 million to the center.

The museum was named after Newton E. Tarble after he made a \$1 million donation that made the existence of the center possible.

The Tarble family created a foundation and since the 1970s has donated a total of nearly \$18 million to support the arts at Eastern.

Michael Watts, the director of the Tarble, said \$1 million is going to be used to endow the director position.

"In future years proceeds from this endowment in the Eastern Foundation will be used to help pay for the director's salary," he said.

\$1.2 million will be used to expand and renovate parts of the Tarble.

"This will expand and enhance education and outreach programs," he said.

This will benefit both the campus and the greater East Central Illinois communities, he said.

Watts said the remaining fund money, which is about \$800,000, will be used to create an endowment in the Eastern Foundation.

He said the proceeds from this endowment will help to pay the salary for staff to help administer the education and outreach programs conducted in the expanded and renovated facilities.

Watts said the money will go toward renovating the meeting room, which will become a new, larger and more accessible classroom.

Along with this project, it will transform the current Tarble classroom into an Open Collection Learning Laboratory.

"(The laboratory) will be used to better serve Eastern students and faculty and enhance other activities having to do with Tarble's art collections and exhibitions," he said.

Watts said because of the current increase in public school class sizes,

the current Tarble classroom is too small to properly accommodate the students for the many of the museum's programs.

"Creating a new classroom will solve this problem and make it possible to update and upgrade the facility," he said. "This will make it easier to offer non-credit classes and workshops that are open to the public."

Watts added turning its current classroom into a learning lab would make it possible for there to be a controlled space for a study of collection objects. He said this is a trend among other university museums to have these spaces available for students.

"This transformed collections treatment space would also provide the Tarble staff a secure art treatment area, which is an issue that will become more acute as the Tarble moves to a higher level of the exhibitions presented," Watts said.

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Tarble candidate says art bridges barriers

By Stephanie White
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Rehema Barber, the final candidate for the Tarble Arts Center director, said art is a way to ignite change.

"I believe that art bridges barriers, connects communities and creates conversations, while also effecting change within its audiences," Barber said.

Barber will have an open session interview for students, faculty and community at 2:15 p.m. until 3:15 Thursday at Tarble.

There, students and community members will have a chance to ask Barber questions about her vision for the future of Tarble.

Barber visited Eastern Wednesday for her first interview. Her second interview will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with various meetings, including a presentation and a private screening.

If chosen for the new director, Barber said she wants to create new partnerships with local and national intuitions.

Barbers also said she hopes to showcase innovative programs.

"I would also be dedicated to creating thought-provoking exhibitions and programs that inspire conversation and viewer imagination," she said.

She currently works at University of Illinois' School of Art and Design in Champaign.

There, she coordinates Figure One, an off-campus exhibition operated by the university. She has had this position since 2013.

Barber said she curated one of its most ambitious projects to-date, which is called "Social Habitat: The Porch Project" by Heather Hart.

She said she also looks over a staff of student gallery attendants and teaches an exhibition practice course for the art and design school.

From 2004 until 2008, Barber worked at the Amistad Center at the Wadsworth Atheneum, in Hartford, CT.

While working there, some of her duties were developing and organizing historical and contemporary art exhibitions using some collection materials and loaned works from private and public lenders.

Barber has previously worked for the Saint Louis Art Museum in St. Louis, Mo.

She taught fourth grade public and private schools about the museum and the collections it held.

Between the years 1999 to 2000, Barber was the Rights and Reproduction Assistant for the Chicago Historical Society in Chicago.

She said she performed jobs such as researching and cataloguing photo archives, along with assisting researchers.

She also curated an installation of work by contemporary African American artists and wrote a magazine and newspaper copy about museum exhibitions and programs.

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Have a sweet Valentine's Day!

Nursing center to host vow renewal ceremonies

By **Cassie Buchman**
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Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will host a Vow Renewal Ceremony for Hilltop Residents and their spouses on Friday.

The ceremony will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The ceremony is also open to community members. The event is free of charge.

Rachel Cox, the activities director at Hilltop, said when they had it last year, there was a big turnout for residents and the community.

"The love in this room is crazy," she said. "Everyone's on the same page, the same level."

To prepare for the event, staff at Hilltop looked for residents who were ready to renew their vows.

"It gives you some hope that true love is still out there," Cox said.

There have been some emotional moments at past vow renewal ceremonies.

"It's very emotional, and we're so proud we can offer the residents that," Cox said. "There is not a dry eye in the place."

One of these emotional mo-

ments happened when one resident who was wheelchair bound said she wanted to stand to deliver her vows.

The woman was able to stand with the help of a certified nursing assistant.

"She said she wanted to look her husband straight in the eye," Cox said. "She found the strength to stand up and renew her love."

The ceremony will be treated as a wedding ceremony, complete with cake, refreshments and musical entertainment.

There will also be a pastor presiding over the renewals.

The pastor, Patrick Booth, also officiates the center's bible study.

"It's awesome," Cox said. "We have a really special event when you get here."

The love at Hilltop is not only exemplified on the vow renewal ceremony day.

It is also shown by a couple who stays together at the Center.

"It's like they're one," Cox said. "When you ask her what she wants to drink, she will look at him to see what he wants. Their love is amazing."

She said divorces are more common in today's culture.

"It's so easy to get a divorce," she said. "When people don't get along, they will just go to



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dick and Gloria Sampson look into each others' eyes while Paster Parker Boothe preforms the vow renewal ceremony for Valentine's Day on Feb. 13, 2014 at Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. This is the Sampson's second marriage and they have been married for 38 years.

the courthouse."

Despite the normalcy of divorces, Cox said the relationships members in the home have could not be matched.

"One resident with dementia has a husband who visits her three to four times a day," Cox said. "It's hard to find love like that anymore."

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Eastern retention rates rank highest in state despite drop

By **Luis Martinez**
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While Eastern's retention rate has dropped 3 percent from last year, it remains the highest when compared to other public, master's degree-giving institutions, according to the Center for Academic Support and Assessment.

Retention rate represents the number of first-year undergraduate students who returned to Eastern the following year.

Eastern's current retention rate is 77 percent, which is based off the number of freshmen who transitioned to sophomore year from the 2013-2014 academic year.

The percentage is down from last year, which was 79 percent.

Karla Sanders, the co-chair of the committee on retention efforts, said the rates could be compared to other public in-state universities.

"Eastern has the highest retention rates of all the master-granting institutions," Sanders said.

Enrollment at Eastern is decreasing, and one of the factors leading to low enrollment is the university's retention rate.

Sanders said Eastern has implemented ideas to raise retention rates.

"Everyone who works with students at Eastern is part of the good retention and graduation rates that we enjoy," Sanders said. "The Committee on Retention efforts has put several activities into practice over the last couple

of years to target increasing the success of certain students populations."

One of the strategies Eastern has put into place over recent years includes one-on-one conversation with academic advisors.

The Academic Advising Center is available to help students with choosing classes, selecting their majors and even helping determine a student's career goals.

Sanders said the Academic Advising Center also developed a list of different interventions and discussion points to use with advisees with three or more at-risk factors. These factors can include unexpected bad grades, loss of financial aid, and roommate conflicts.

Sanders said Eastern students

could find resources through the Student Success Center. The center's purpose is to help students achieve both academic and personal goals through the use of programs and services.

Sanders also said classroom presentations, class discussions and referrals have been used as other strategies.

The school has also increased financial literacy information in the University Foundation curriculum.

Sanders said the Financial Aid and Student Accounts Offices contact students with high financial risk and make appointments to help find ways to pay for college.

Housing, Career Services, Academic Advising and University

Foundation created a pilot program called the "Discovery Program."

The purpose of the program is to create a living-learning community for undeclared students.

Eastern has created multiple ways for students to receive the help they need, whether it be academic, financial, or personal reasons.

Eastern Housing has also conducted focus groups with Hispanic students in order to help understand what would make the population be more successful on campus.

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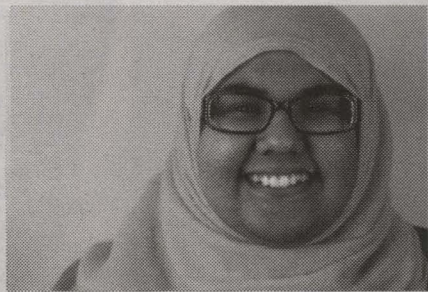
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Chagall and the Bible, Early American Folk Art, and Aurbach Sculpture exhibits all on display

"Survival of the Fittest" - a Darwin Day Event | 2 PM
Registration takes place on the South Quad

Nancy Hennings Memorial Poetry Reading Series | 6 PM
Three area poets will kick off this year's series; 7th St. Dudley House

Check out more upcoming events at www.dailyeasternnews.com

Remember that every life matters



Shirmeen Ahmad

Outrage. That is what I felt this morning when I read the news about how three students at the University of North Carolina were murdered—three students who were Muslims.

Normally, I like to think that it was the situation that caused the killings not race, although I know I would be seen as completely wrong for doing that to some people. But this incident makes me believe that it was on purpose. That's not just this incident, but every other has all been about race recently.

And it is not the actual news story that makes me believe this. It was the comments at the bottom of the Washington Post page that showed me what kind of people exist in this world.

One person called the murderer an "American hero." Another said "how can people not have hard feelings regarding Muslims." The response was "that's what happens when there is a Muslim president."

Because of an extremist group, we, me being a Muslim my whole life, have been classified as dangerous—as people who are just about killing and committing horrendous acts. Nothing else matters, so our lives do not matter, it is better to do away with us.

The wars in the Middle East were one thing; sure they killed men who deserved severe punishment and who had no right to bear the name "Muslim" because the acts they committed were not Islamic in any way. However, many, many innocent lives were also lost in the process. Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan all lost innocent Muslim lives.

All they wanted was to live their life with their friends and family—to watch their children grow up in a place where they could be safe and happy, to get a good education, to become successful and go on to live their lives not causing any harm to others. A universal concept.

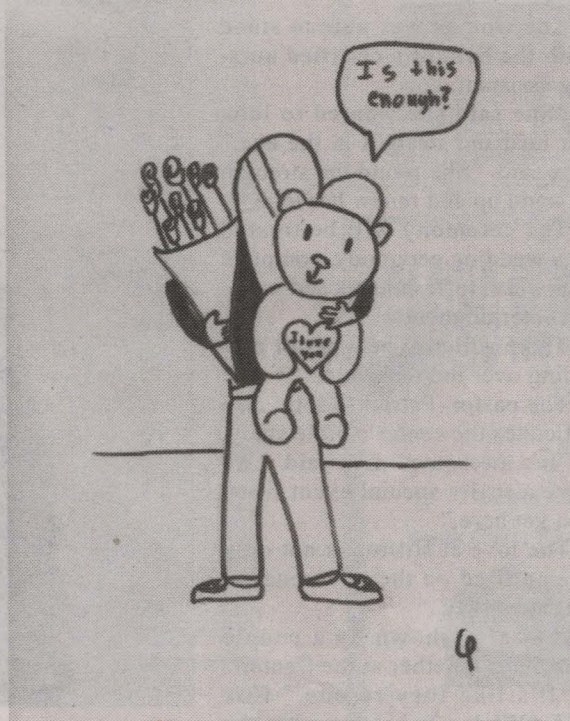
What was their crime? Being in the area where extremists are, having the title that extremists falsely have, being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

And now, we have to fear here in the United States. I live in fear, not knowing who will see me, wearing my hijab and think I deserve to be killed because of it. It doesn't matter who I am, what matters is that my life doesn't matter because I am "one of them." Well, I'm not.

So why can we not just get educated on this? Why is it that when we see someone different than ourselves, we assume they are dangerous and never try to get to know who they really are? Apparently they are unworthy and the best solution is to kill them. Well, just like so many others I do believe that #MuslimLivesMatter and #BlackLivesMatter and most importantly #EveryLifeMatters.

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Cuteness overload



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Administration should be open on budgeting issues

The concerns raised during Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting are evidence of several problems with the way the Eastern administration handles budgeting decisions.

In an article in Wednesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, Grant Sterling chairman of the senate cited the athletic department going over its budget by \$1 million last year and \$400,000 the year before, and he said the issue was not discussed until recently.

Senate members also questioned how cuts are considered for athletics versus academics, with many expressing that the two areas are not treated with the same discretion.

In an article in the Jan. 13 edition of The News, Jim Davis, a member of the Intercollegiate Athletics Board, told the senate he has not seen a final budget from the athletic department in the 11 years he has been on the board.

In the article, Davis also said the budget is decided on a presidential level, and the board only reviews projected expenses.

The creation of and the finalization of budgets

for all areas on campus should be an open process. These documents should be available and easily accessible for members of the Eastern community to see.

At the end of the day, these tough decisions must be made on an executive level; however, they should not be done without prior consultation with groups like Faculty Senate and Student Senate as well as individual departments.

Budgeting decisions affect everyone in the university, so everyone should have the opportunity to provide input or, at the very least, prepare themselves for the impact of those decisions.

With declining enrollment and state revenue, going over budget in some areas is inevitable.

According to the report chemistry professor Jonathan Blitz presented to the senate Tuesday, Eastern subsidized \$9.6 million for athletics in 2013, but total athletic expenditures ended up being \$13.3 million.

In Wednesday's story, senate members also expressed concern that when one area of the university is allowed to spend more than it is allo-

cated, that money is at the expense of other areas.

Whether or not this is the case, all areas of the university have been taking budget cuts, and an unbalanced budget should not be tolerated if only in certain circumstances.

The important thing, though, is that when administrators know the budgets will run over, they should explain to the campus how they are justifying every decision they make, especially with so many individual areas suffering.

Not only should budgetary planning information be available for those who seek it; issues like this should be purposefully brought to the campus' attention.

This will help ensure decisions are made fairly. If considerations cannot be discussed openly, then the public can only assume otherwise.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Students should tip your servers generously



Marge Clemente

"Is that really the price?"

"I'm just wondering what's taking so long."

"Where is that thing I asked for earlier?"

And then when things don't happen to go their way, there's always our absolute favorite that comes up as a last resort: cussing.

One can only handle so many tasks at once within such a fast-paced environment.

Put yourself in their tight, aching footsteps for a brief moment and just wonder, how humiliated and foolish you would feel if someone came over to your job to

treat you like you're uneducated or just an imbecile.

After catering to you and treating you as a welcomed guest, you decide to happily leave without leaving that server a little something behind?

It isn't just the people who don't leave a cent either, it's the people who leave a miserable \$2 when clearly the tip should have been \$10-\$15 more, easy. Not surprisingly enough, most of these people have a phone and access to downloading any and every app they please. Ever heard of a "tax calculator", anyone? It's a fascinating little app where you can enter in the cost of your heavy, Texan meal and receive the amount of the generous tip you should be leaving.

Be considerate and treat others, as you'd wish to be treated by strangers. It can become a rather demanding and intimidating ambiance to maneuver yourself in.

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Wagner said he asked Barbara because she had special characteristics.

"Number one was that she didn't wear perfume; that gives me a headache, and I wouldn't ask anybody who wore it," he said. "She was perfume-free and I liked her."

Because of Vern and Barbara's regional differences, they didn't meet until high school.

Growing up, Vern lived in the country. "I grew up on an oil field, but we didn't have any oil because the oil companies took it," he said. "All we lived on was an oil license."

Vern said despite differences in where they grew up, they were still able to form a connection.

"I was a country boy; she was a town girl," Vern said.

They ended up meeting their freshman year when they were put into some of the same classes, and Vern knew Barbara's older sister because his friend was dating her.

"I found out he's heaven," Barbara said.

Vern remembers Barbara as being very attractive, and very smart.

"I remember thinking she was a good girl," Vern said.

Barbara was even ranked No. 1 academically in their high school graduating class.

"I thought 'I'd like to have somebody that's smarter than me,'" Vern said.

Vern and Barbara had to separate for the first time after high school, when they went to different colleges.

"When we graduated high school, she went to Northwestern, and I came here to Eastern," he said.

Barbara ended up majoring in chemistry, while Vern got a master's degree in education.

Although they were not physically together, they were sure to stay in touch.

"We went back and forth," Vern said.

"We wrote love letters to each other."

They were also able to see each other when they came home for school breaks.

After college, Vern became a sixth grade math and science teacher.

He taught school for 32 years.

"An opening came for principal, so they put me as that for the last five years of my career," he said.

Barbara became a secretary for an asphalt business.

She then became a school secretary for Charleston High School.

"We went to school, decided to get married, went to work," Vern said.

Vern said the success of their relationship came from the fact that they were partners in their marriage.

"One never had authority over the other," he said. "It was a solid marriage, and we got along very well on a daily basis."

Vern attributes the solidity of his marriage to the fact that both he and Barbara were both churchgoers.

"We are both Bible readers, both Christians, and we tried to live by the Bible's values," he said.

One of the couple's favorite moments together was a trip they took to Alaska.

"For me, one of the best parts of the trip was going deep-sea fishing," Vern said.

"They are big, and I caught a big one. I think it was about 90 pounds."

Barbara remembers more than the fish.

"Being with you was my favorite part," she said to her husband.

All around the room are other memories.

Pictures of their kids cover the walls, and they still have not taken their Christmas tree down yet.

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Publication to observe Lincoln's Birthday

Staff Report | @DEN_News

In accordance with Eastern's observation of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, *The Daily Eastern News* will not be printing an issue Friday.

The News will resume publication Monday.

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To figure out the consequences the establishments will face, there will be a hearing where the businesses can either admit to or deny the charges against them.

The hearing goes through the city attorney, and the establishments will go through the court system to find out the amount of their fine and other consequences.

If they deny the charges, the businesses will have a trial.

If it is the first violation in 12 months for these businesses, the minimum fine is \$250. The maximum fine is \$1,000. They can also potentially have either have a three-day suspension or a 30-day suspension of their liquor license.

A second offense results in a higher fine and longer suspension.

"In many cases, businesses have had a fine and suspension," Rennels said.

The underage patrons who go undercover for the police department are found in various places.

Lt. Brad Oyer of the Charleston Police Department said there is no one place they go to find

Booth Library will also be closed Friday and resume regular hours on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All dining halls will close Friday, and the Food Court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union will have adjusted hours from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Food Court will be closed on Saturday, however, and all dining halls will be consolidated to Thomas Hall.

Dining Halls will resume regular hours Sunday and the Food Court will be open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.



KEVIN HALL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A pitcher of beer sits on the bar of IKE's located on Lincoln Ave. Employees at IKE's expect a possible increase in business since the new bar ordinance has been passed.

the patrons.

"We use officer's children, students from Eastern -- people the liquor control commission have passed on to us," he said.

Oyer said what happens to the businesses is completely up to the mayor, who acts as the liquor commissioner for Charleston.

"The mayor can choose to take action against the servers as well as the license holder," he said.

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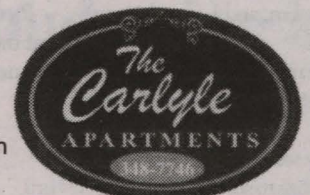
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Softball amped to play weekend games

By Sean Hastings
Staff reporter | @Den_Sports

The Eastern softball team will face its third ranked team in a week as it faces No. 17 Auburn in one of five games this weekend.

The Panthers are coming in with a 2-3 record after competing at the Louisiana-Lafayette Classic last weekend.

The Panthers will be taking on Winthrop University at 9:45 a.m., and Mercer University at 2:30 p.m. in a double-header on Friday.

Then on Saturday they will take on Georgia State University at noon and Auburn at 5:15 p.m.

The Panthers will wrap up their weekend with one game on Sunday against Ball State University at 9:45 a.m.

All of the games the Panthers play over the weekend will be in Auburn, Ala. on the campus of Auburn University.

When the Panthers go against Auburn, Nicholson said they are going to face some good pitching.

"Going against Auburn we're going to face fantastic pitching, there's no doubt about that," she said. "But with all of the other schools, I feel like I'd really like to see our offense really explode."

Auburn is another elite competitor just like last weekend's games when the Panthers took on Louisiana State University and Louisiana Lafayette.

In the six games that Auburn played last weekend, they 10-run ruled every team they faced.

But the other teams that they will face off against, Nicholson considers them to be on their level.

"It's going to be a good comparison for us to see where we really stand," she said.

Sophomore Amber Toenyes and senior Bailey O'Dell led the Panthers offense last weekend both hitting .462 and will look to continue that this weekend.

Toenyes had eight hits with two being homeruns, and O'Dell had six hits and also added one homerun.

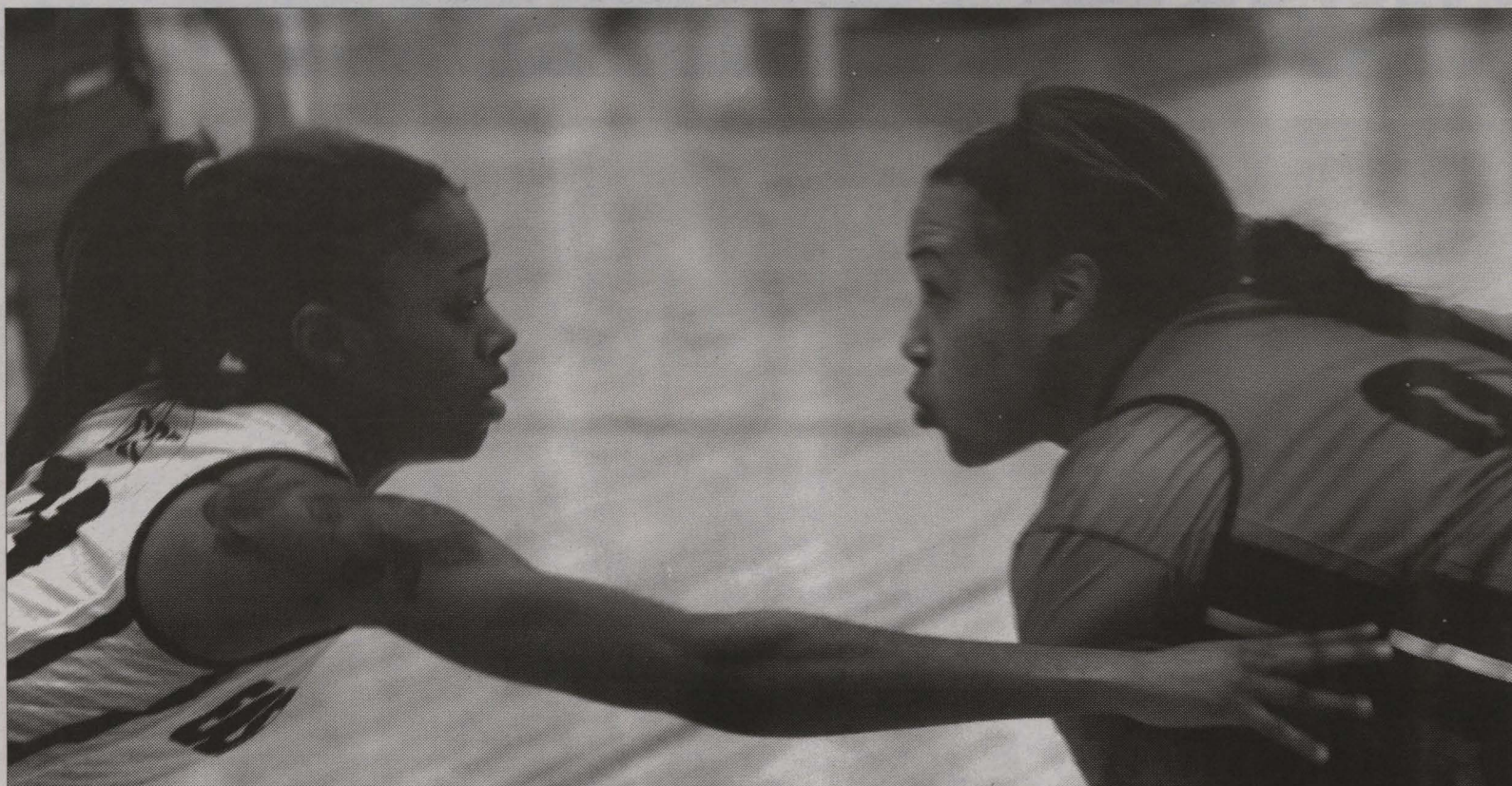
Overall for this weekend head coach Angie Nicholson is looking for the team to improve a little bit defensively.

"I'd like us to clean our game up defensively," Nicholson said. "I'd like to see us play a lot more aggressively on defense and make the plays that need to be made."

She said that last weekend, they allowed too many hitters to get on base, but there were also times that the teams just hit the ball hard into the gaps and there was nothing they could do about it.

Nicholson isn't sure who is going to pitch the first game against Winthrop for the Panthers, but said it is between freshmen Jessica Wireman and Michelle Rogers, and whichever one doesn't pitch the first game will get the next game.

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KEVIN HALL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Shakita Cox, a junior guard, defends against Shondra Butts in the women's basketball game Saturday in Lantz Arena against SIU Edwardsville. Butts ended the game with 30 points.

Eastern faces must-win situation

By Bob Reynolds
Sports Editor | @BobReynoldsDEN

The Eastern women's basketball team faces a must-win situation as it is on the second game of a three-game road trip.

This time the Panthers head to Clarksville, Tenn. to take on the Austin Peay Governors who defeated Eastern on Jan. 24 in Lantz Arena.

Eastern and Austin Peay are tied in the standings at 5-6 in the conference.

Panther coach Debbie Black has stated multiple reasons why this game is a must-win game for her team.

"Number one and foremost, we want to make the tournament," she said. "Secondly, we want to get as high of a seed as we can. It is really one game at a time. Since they stole one here from us, we need to steal one back."

Tiasha Gray proved to be a problem for the Panthers in the game a couple weeks ago.

"Gray is a special player," she said. "You want her to take 25 shots to get her 20-something points. Keeping her off guard

is the biggest key for us with Gray. She gets a lot of easy baskets from stealing inbound passes. You have to be really aware of her in the passing lanes."

She scored 32 points and shot 9-of-21 from the floor. Black said she will get her points, and it's the other players that they need to stop, including Kristen Stainback.

Stainback scored 14 points on

"Right now we control our own destiny as opposed to hoping someone wins or loses. We have to keep getting better. Right now is where you need to peak."

-Debbie Black, women's basketball head coach

5-of-11 shooting.

"I think the key for us is not to let the other players get off on us," she said. "You have to limit (Stainback's) touches, because we are capable of that. In this game you can't really focus on one player. We have to make sure we don't let anybody else get off."

The main focus in practice

this week, according to Black, was on the offensive side and defensive side of the ball, but mainly she focused on cutting the turnovers.

The Panthers are averaging 18 turnovers per game through 24 games this season. Also, in the last game against Southeast Missouri the Panthers had 16 turnovers.

"We have to cut our turn-

overs. It is plain and simple," she said. "We have to get more shots and less turnovers. That I think is glaring in our stats."

With the Panthers losing their last 4-of-5 games, staying positive might be a tough thing to do for Black's team.

Black said her team knows they are as good as any of the teams in the OVC.

"We are not in the last four spots, we are in the 3-to-8 spot," she said. "Right now we control our own destiny as opposed to hoping someone wins or loses. We have to keep getting better. Right now is where you need to peak."

Austin Peay coach Carrie Daniels said the Panthers are a solid team and the biggest key is going to be to stop Eastern senior forward Sabina Oroszova.

"They have got players inside and out," she said. "They are just a tremendous, talented team that can do a lot of things. With us, all year long, the things that we have stressed are defense and rebounding are going to be keys for us. Our defense has been one thing that has gotten us many times."

The Panthers and Governors will tip-off at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Winfield Dunn Center.

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Panthers look to continue winning streak

Women's tennis hopes to win third-straight match on Friday

By Olivia Scordato
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The Eastern women's tennis team is coming off a two-game win streak after defeating Illinois State and Dayton the past two weeks.

The Panthers will be looking for their third-straight victory as they head to Evansville, Ind. on Friday to take on the University of Evansville.

Eastern coach John Blackburn said the recent success in competition comes directly from preparation.

"We try to be as prepared as possible through practice and

mental preparation when we step on the court," Blackburn said. "I believe that preparation is the biggest factor in determining how we do on match day."

The Panthers have taken the double point in the last two matches with the help of tandem senior Sephora Boulbahi and freshman Grace Summers who are coming off back-to-back doubles wins.

The No. 2 double's team of junior Hannah Kimbrough and freshman Ali Foster have won two straight as well.

The women essentially picked up their doubles tennis preparation last week and became the top two spots, defeating Illinois State 6-1 and 6-3.

Blackburn said one of the keys to defeating Evansville is the doubles matches, which have been a strong point for the Panthers so far this season.

Blackburn added that he has

many goals for him and his team throughout the rest of the season.

His team tries everything in their power to succeed and tries to go to their best ability together everyday. He also tries to overthrow their misfortune and stay positive and strong when playing against each team.

With the current win streak the Panthers are on, Blackburn said his team is working hard on playing more intelligent and purposeful tennis this year.

"We have some very talented players here," he said. "We are trying to develop the mental side of our game to reach the next level."

Blackburn also hopes to improve on things differently against Evansville. His team wants to try and focus on everything as a whole throughout each match. He and his team want to improve each time they are out on the court.

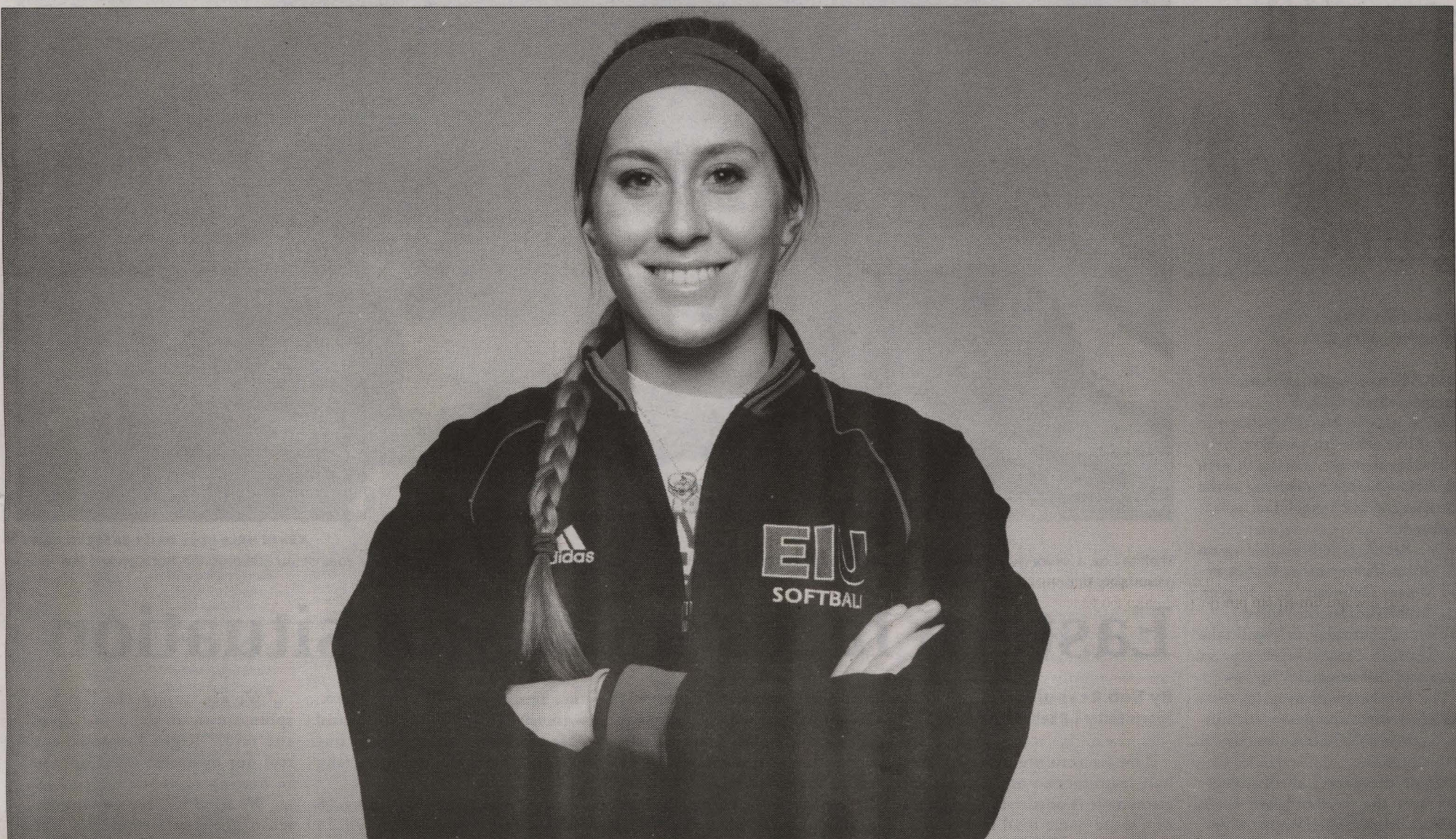
Evansville is 2-2 overall after their victories against Austin Peay and Oakland University.

Blackburn is content with the way his team is playing during each match.

"The result of the match will come down to a handful of points," Blackburn said. "Six to seven points have a big impact on who wins the match and we want to be taking the best approach possible to those points. Winning and losing aren't something you have control over, but we want to do the things that give us the best chance to win."

The Panthers first match starts at 7 p.m. inside the Tri-State Athletic Club in Evansville.

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JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman pitcher Jessica Wireman finished the first weekend of her first season at Eastern with a 4.13 ERA after throwing 18 2/3 innings. She is a geology major and has played softball since she was 10 years old.

Freshman pitcher off to strong start

By Sean Hastings
Staff Reporter | @Den_Sports

Freshman softball pitcher Jessica Wireman is off to a strong start after first career starts at Louisiana this past weekend.

Wireman's first regular season career start came against No. 19 Louisiana State University.

When Wireman got the news that she was getting the start against LSU, she said she called her high school coach, Josh Bloomer at Louisville Male right away. Wire said Bloomer taught her almost everything she knows about softball.

"He's my go to guy," Wireman said. "I call him for everything softball."

Wireman said that he just talked her through it telling her that it's okay and just breathe.

"I just listened to him," she said. "I was nervous of course but not near as nervous as I could have been."

Wireman's start against LSU was her first real start since high school.

"It was a crazy experience," Wireman said. "It was really nerve racking because it was my first start out of high school."

Wireman said that her hand was shaking the whole first inning against LSU, but eventually did calm down after that.

Despite all of her nerves, she only gave up one run in that inning and the only

earned run she gave up in the game.

Eastern would eventually lose 6-1.

Wireman pitched five innings. She gave up eight hits, struck out two, and walked one.

Wireman had a very successful start against Incarnate Word, pitching all seven innings and giving up zero earned runs. She had six strikeouts, two walks, and gave up six hits in her seven innings of the Panthers' 6-1 win.

Wireman was back on the mound the following morning for another game against Incarnate Word.

She came in for the final 1 and 2/3 innings to record the save for the Panthers.

She gave up one earned run, but the Panthers prevailed giving them their second win on the year 7-4.

Wireman finished the weekend with 18 2/3 innings pitched with nine strikeouts, and a 4.13 ERA.

Second year head coach Angie Nicholson said she was satisfied with how Wireman pitched against the tough competition.

"I was pretty satisfied, I didn't really know what to expect," Nicholson said. "I think she really held her own."

Wireman is used to the big workload of having to pitch a lot of innings in a short amount of time. Wireman pitched in seven games over three days during a state

tournament during high school.

Wireman, a geology major, started playing softball before she was 10-years-old when her dad's friend Jennifer Ore suggested the idea that she should try softball. Wireman was in gymnastics at the time.

"I was in a rec league for about a year, and I was pretty good for just starting," Wireman said. "So then I went and tried out for a travel team and I ended up making it and from then on I was just hooked on softball."

Once she started playing, she quit gymnastics and put all of her time into softball.

She said she knew that she wanted to play college softball from a very young age because of Jennie Finch.

"I remember telling my dad, 'Dad I want to be just like Jennie Finch,'" Wireman said. "At the time she was in college so I worked really hard because I wanted to go to big colleges."

Wireman was planning on going to Cleveland State University to play for Nicholson and assistant coach Stephanie Taylor. But once they moved to Eastern, Wireman followed.

"I'm glad I'm here because of the atmosphere," Wireman said.

She said her biggest improvement has been pitching speed and control since

coming here in the fall. Wireman said her two favorite pitches to throw are curve balls and screwballs.

Wireman said Senior catcher Hannah Cole is one of the main players who has helped her through her first year.

Wireman said that when she got here she had a "do I belong here moment" and she said that Cole was the one that talked her through it. She said Cole told her that everyone feels that way, and she herself felt that way her freshman year.

She said having the pitcher-catcher relationship with Cole has helped her too.

"She knows my pitches and she knows me pitching, so it's easy to talk to her," Wireman said.

Cole said she is pleased with what Wireman is able to do so far, and with how she pitched in Louisiana.

"She didn't let the pressure get to her and kept bouncing back harder and harder," Cole said. "If she can keep that confidence and continue to work hard in games and practice she will be a great asset to our team's success this year."

When Wireman prepares herself for a start, she imagines herself pitching against the opponent and doing well.

Wireman said her biggest challenge in her softball career came during her junior year of high school. Wireman had inflammation in her shoulder and it caused her

tendons and bone to rub together which forced her to sit out for a majority of the season. She returned in time to pitch in regionals and state for her team, but would end up losing the first two games.

The following year her team returned to the state championship tournament, which she said was her greatest memory of her career so far.

Wireman pitched the first game against the reigning champions and pitched the whole game. The game only lasted five innings because her team won 13-0 and the 10-run rule was put into effect.

"We won our first game, so it was like getting over that first hump," Wireman said.

Her team would end up taking third at state.

"It was really exciting," Wireman said.

Wireman said she wants to become the top pitcher in the Ohio Valley Conference and wants Eastern to win the conference.

Wireman and the rest of the Panthers travel to Alabama to compete at the Auburn Tiger Invitational this weekend starting on Friday.

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Panthers to play against Georgia for first time ever

By Bob Reynolds
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The Eastern baseball team will start three veteran pitchers in the three game series against the University of Georgia over the weekend for the first time in school history.

Jake Johansmeier will take the mound in the first game opposing Bulldog sophomore Robert Tyler.

On Saturday, Johnansmeier threw in a scrimmage on the football field and coach Jim Schmitz was impressed with how he

did.

"I am being honest, he got away with off speed last year," he said. "His goal has been to command the fastball and man was he good. He has been our Friday night guy at different times since he was a freshman."

In the other two games, red-shirt senior Christian Slazinik will oppose Bulldog junior Ryan Lawlor. In the finale, Panther senior Garrison Stenger will go up against Bulldog junior David Sosebee.

The three Georgia pitchers had a combined 3.34 earned run average last season.

Eastern senior shortstop Dane Sauer understands how solid of a staff the Bulldogs have.

"We have to stick to our roles," he said. "Basically, that means everybody is going to have a different part and we can't get away from that. We're going to have our power guys like Brant and 'meat' drive guys in."

"We're going to have Mitch and Caleb getting hits and getting on base," Sauer said. "Guys like myself or 8,9 hitters need to be guys to get on base, bunt, walk or get hit by pitches. If everybody does

what they are supposed to do, we should be fine."

The Panthers took the opening game last season against No. 14 Louisiana-Lafayette and that was it in the 4-game series as they lost the next three.

Sauer said the goal every weekend is to always take two out of three games.

"Just because it's Georgia, doesn't mean we're looking to go there for the nice weather," he said. "We've played the best of the best. I mean last year we played Vanderbilt and they won the World Series. That goes back to having veterans on

our team. We've been in big situations, so I think that is something that can certainly benefit us."

The Panthers and Bulldogs will get underway at 4:05 p.m. on Friday after a pre-game ceremony celebrating the \$12 million dollar renovation to Foley Field. Saturday's game will get underway at 11:05 a.m. and Sunday at 12:05 p.m.

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